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Boston delivers big for Biden and Harris

Trump roundly rejected at Dot, Mattapan polls

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Dorchester and Mattapan voters fueled a strong citywide turnout on Tuesday as Joe Biden and Kamala Harris dealt a crushing defeat to Donald J. Trump and Mike Pence in Boston. The Biden-Harris team topped the ticket across the city with 83.5 percent to 15 percent for the Republicans, piling on vote totals that in some places resembled the lopsided margins more often seen for politicians running without opposition.

At Savin Hill's 13-10 bellwether, where voters pick candidates at the Cristo Rey School, the Biden-Harris

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Voters lined up around the block to enter the Lower Mills Library on Tuesday.
Bill Forry photo

Ranked choice voting measure fails; Markey wins

By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Voters of Massachusetts said no Tuesday night to a reform that would have dramatically altered the way voters choose their elected leaders, rejecting a ballot question backed by a who's who of current and former political leaders from both parties that would have allowed voters in future statewide elections to rank candidates in races with three or more choices on the ballot.

Voters approved the other ballot question, breaking in favor of giving independent mechanics access to wireless vehicle data to repair cars by a three-to-one margin, according to incomplete

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OPERATION RESILIENCY

Safeguards for Dot 'Shoreway' put at up to \$215m

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

The Walsh administration last week issued a report outlining how Boston intends to shore up coastal protections and re-think development along Dorchester's waterfront in the coming years and decades as sea levels continue to rise due to climate change.

The 174-page document – “Coastal Resilience Solutions for Dorchester” – is a comprehensive summary of the Climate Ready Dorchester initiative. It also acts as a “roadmap for near- and long-term solutions to help make Dorchester more resilient for many years



Above, a rendering shows how Moakley Park would be transformed through a city plan aimed at coastal resiliency and new amenities. Right: Morrissey Blvd., inundated by high tides, regularly.

to come,” according to Mayor Walsh.

The report's top objective is the creation of a series of “risk reduction solutions for coastal flooding and rising sea levels,” projected out to 2070. The outlined solu-

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Signing onto 'Moakley Talks' Plan to enhance protection, public use at a 'high-level' stage

By KATIE TROJANO
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The city kicked off a series of virtual discussions last week dubbed “Moakley Talks,” part of the planning process aimed at redesigning Moakley Park on the South Boston-Dorchester line as a facility for all and a bulwark of coastal resiliency.

The 60-acre property, one of several areas identified in the city's climate resilience effort called Climate Ready Dorchester, was highlighted in a report released on Oct. 28 by the Walsh administration.

Ryan Woods, commissioner of the city's Parks & Recreation Department, told the 100 or so people who joined the call that all of the elements in the new “high-level” plan build on feedback gathered during public meetings in 2018 and 2019 after the city developed its Moakley Park Vision Plan.

“The design is based on access, grading, utilities, tree retention, and adjacent streets,” said Woods. “There are some small changes that can still be made to ensure the design will continue to improve.”

“We'll continue to come back to the community as the design is prioritized into phases based on funding. As the funding comes in, it could be two

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Citing complacency, Baker puts new Covid limits in place

By COLIN A. YOUNG
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NEWS SERVICE

Too many people in Massachusetts have let down their guard when it comes to protecting against the coronavirus that has killed more than 10,000 people here since mid-

March, so the state must take steps now to slow the spread of the virus or else hospitals will be overrun with COVID-19 patients by the holidays, Gov. Baker said on Monday.

Starting Friday, he announced, everyone above the age of five in Massachusetts

will be required to wear a mask or a facecovering indoors and outdoors in public – regardless of whether social distancing is practiced – and restaurants and entertainment venues will be subject to a 9:30 p.m. curfew. The state's indoor gathering limit

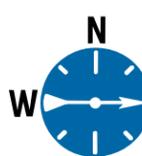
will be lowered to 10 people, down from 25, which will be the number for outdoor events.

“The simple truth is this,” said Baker: “Too many of us have become complacent in our daily lives. I know it's hard for people to hear me say this

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BPD stats: a 4 percent decline in Part One crime; murders up

A significant decrease in burglaries and assaults is driving an overall 4 percent drop in crime in the city of Boston this year compared to the same 10-month period in 2019, according to statistics released by the Boston Police Department this week.

The number of homicides, however, have shot up from 34 to 50, according to the summary of 'Part One' crime categories through Nov. 1.

Area B-3, the police district that covers Mattapan and parts of Dorchester along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor, has seen the biggest jump in murders — from 11 last year to 20 in 2020 so far. Area C-11 — which includes much of Dorchester east of Washington Street and south of Columbia Road in its boundaries — has recorded 10 murders, up from 5 in 2019.

Both B-3 and C-11 have recorded less crime in other categories, however, driving a 3 percent and 5 percent drop in Part One reports respectively.

Reports of residential burglaries have seen the largest decline from year to year, a possible by-product of the Covid-19 "work from

home" dynamic.

In 2019, there were 1,094 house break-ins, as opposed to 907 in 2020 to date.

Shootings citywide have gone up significantly. There were 144 total incidents reported through Nov. 1 in 2019 with 176 victims, according to the police data. In 2020, there have been 201 incidents over the first ten months of the year, with 236 victims — a big jump above the five-year average of 192. Boston Police have also seized more guns in 2020 compared to last year: 364-346.

— BILL FORRY

A charge in June homicide — A 21-year-old Brockton man has been charged with the fatal shooting of Malik Gabbidon on Harvard Street last June. Cristian Rivera was ordered to be held without bail at his arraignment last Friday, Oct. 30, in West Roxbury court.

Prosecutors say the two men got into a fight at a Thane Street house party that night. Rivera was identified through witness interviews and video, according to prosecutors. He is due back in court on Nov. 30.



Lulu Barney, 4, was the first lucky child to play on the new playground at Dorchester Park on Tuesday after the Boston Parks & Recreation Department completed a round of renovations that began last year. Her father, Adam, said they arrived just as workers were taking down the construction fencing. New at the playground: a variety of swings, a climbing tower with a twisty slide, and even an ADA-accessible drum set.

Photo courtesy K Moo Bishop/Dogs of Dorchester Park

Some major landlords will pause evictions

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Several major property owners representing hundreds of thousands of rental units nationwide agreed Monday to pause evictions for failure to pay rent until 2021 and to work with tenants who are struggling amid the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

By signing the board's housing stability pledge, property holders and landlords said they would communicate with tenants experiencing financial hardship about emergency support programs that could help them cover rent.

They also said they will pursue repayment plans and seek mediation as first steps before turning to formal eviction proceedings. Massachusetts leaders implemented a moratorium on most non-emergency evictions and

foreclosures for the first six-plus months of the pandemic, but Gov. Baker allowed it to expire in October as he unveiled a \$171 million plan that allocates more funding for rental assistance and streamlines applications.

Despite that effort, many housing justice advocates have warned that a flood of evictions is already starting, which could push Bay State renters into crowded living conditions or onto the street while the virus remains a threat.

As of Monday, at least 10 companies had signed onto the board's housing stability pledge, according to a press release: Chestnut Hill Realty, Avalon Communities Inc., National Development, Windsor Property Management, Winn Residential, Equity Management Realty, Wingate Management, Schochet Companies, Peabody Properties Inc., and Corcoran Management Company.

Netflix series takes a hard look at the multi-layered Sean Ellis case

A Netflix docuseries that will drop next week explores the case of Sean Ellis, a Dorchester man who spent 22 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of murdering Boston Police detective John Mulligan in 1993. Ellis was 19 years old at the time of Mulligan's murder.

"Trial 4," the eight-part series set to be released on Nov. 11, will feature several prominent local voices, including those of Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins and former *Dorchester Reporter* correspondent Elaine Murphy, who covered developments in the case until Ellis's murder convictions were



Sean Ellis: Victim of cover-up

reversed and he returned to society a free man in 2015.

A fourth trial was initially planned but charges against Ellis were dropped in 2018.

After the first two trials resulted in hung juries, a third trial saw him convicted on Murder One charges in 1995, a verdict

based on scant evidence and a witness ID that was later discovered to have been coerced by corrupt officers working the case.

Subsequent investigations revealed that those officers — Kenneth Acerra, Walter Robinson, and John Brazil — had participated in armed

robberies of drug dealers along with Mulligan, before they framed Ellis, who was seen buying diapers at the Roslindale Walgreens near where Mulligan was found shot to death in his car. The officers were later convicted on felony charges.

A trailer and synopsis of Trial 4, directed and produced by the French duo of Rémy Burkel and Jean-Xavier de Lestrade and filmed in Boston over the course of the last two years, indicates that the series will explore in-depth the "culture of cover-up" within the BPD and the flaws of the criminal justice system at large.

— DANIEL SHEEHAN

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hidden Heroes/Sheroes celebration in Codman Square — Codman Square Neighborhood Council hosts its annual Hidden Heroes & Sheroes Celebration virtually on Fri., Nov. 20 from 6-8 p.m. See codmansquarecouncil.org for more info.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual meeting on Monday, Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss a proposal by Heading Home to develop 23 units of permanent supportive housing on its property at 37 Wales St. in Dorchester. The project will serve formerly homeless families with incomes at or below 30% AMI by providing stable housing and on-site support services. Michael Sinatra with the BPDA is the best contact: 617-918-4280 or michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov. See page 13 for meeting instructions.

Hancock Street project subject of BPDA meeting — A virtual public meeting will be held on Thurs., Nov. 19 to review a proposed mixed-income, 15-unit residential building at 120-122 Hancock St., Dorchester. For more information,

contact Aisling Kerr at 617-918-4212 or aisling.kerr@boston.gov. See bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/120-122-hancock-street for more details.

706 Dudley St. public meeting — The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Nov. 17 to review plans for a proposed five-story building with 25 two-bedroom units and one single-bedroom unit at 706 Dudley St. in Dorchester. The contact at the BPDA is Stephen Harvey at 617-918-4418 or stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

The City of Boston will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Nov. 19 to discuss the Uphams Corner Arts and Innovation district process and Requests for Proposals. The meeting will be held from 6-7:45 p.m. See page 7 of today's edition for Zoom and call-in instructions. The contact at the BPDA is Morgan McDaniel. 617-918-6250 or morgan.e.mcdaniel@boston.gov.

780 Morrissey project meeting — The BPDA will host a virtual meeting on

Thurs., Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed five-story building with 219 residential units at 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. See page 6 for more info. The contact is Stephen Harvey, 617-918-4418 or stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

Virtual Public Meeting: Article 65 Zoning Map Amendment — A Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) sponsored public meeting will be held on Mon., Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed map amendment to Article 65 of the Boston Zoning Code, the Dorchester Neighborhood District and the proposed map amendment seeks to adjust the Community Commercial (CC) zoning subdistrict in the area bounded by Jan Karski Way, Enterprise Street, Boston Street, and West Bellflower Street in Dorchester. For more info, contact Raul Duverge at the BPDA, 617-918-4492 or Raul.Duverge@Boston.gov.

Moakley Park planning — The Boston Parks & Recreation launched a series of virtual discussions called "Moakley Talks" which will focus on key aspects of

the city's planning process for Moakley Park in South Boston. The remaining series dates include subjects like Sports and Stadium on Tues., Nov. 10, 6-7:30 p.m.; Community and Play on Tues., Nov. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.; Public Health and Environment on Tues., Nov. 24, 6-7:30 p.m. All virtual events and materials will be available through the project website at boston.gov/parks/moakleypark.

Apply now for School Committee vacancy — A nominating panel is now accepting applications for an upcoming vacancy on the Boston School Committee. The position comes with a four-year term. Applications can be found online at bostonpublicschools.org. The deadline is Nov. 16.

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FAA: No 'substantial' noise impacts from proposed new flight path to Runway 4L

By KATIE TROJANO
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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) held two virtual public workshops last week during which officials shared the findings of an environmental review for a proposed new flight approach to Runway 4 Left (4L) at Boston Logan Airport that they said show the proposed flight path would not result in any substantial environmental or noise impacts while enhancing safety and efficiency at the airport.

Residents who live under the flight path, which sits over parts of Dorchester and Milton, expressed concerns that noise pollution would get worse with a bigger flight load overhead.

Officials said a new Instrument Approach Procedure (IAP), would use GPS-enabled navigation for aircraft approaching the runway which, they said, will provide for a more efficient operation in poor weather.

The flight path enters Logan space from the southwest, and the IAP would provide pilots and traffic controllers with lateral and vertical electronic guidance as planes approach the runway, which in turn will make for a more predictable, consistent and stable landings.

Doug Willey, a pilot and member of Air Line Pilots Association, explained to about



A aerial view of Logan Airport shows Runway 4L labeled in the middle of the complex. The Federal Aviation Administration is reviewing a proposal that would shift more aircraft over Dorchester and Milton to land on the runway during poor weather. *FAA image*

180 people in the virtual workshop how the proposal would be beneficial to pilots.

"Currently Runway 4L is a visual-approach-only runway, and this particular procedure would mean that there would be an instrument approach," he said. "Visual approaches are perfectly safe and we do them all the time, but any time we can get more information and data in the flight deck to help us back up the procedures that we do, it's an improvement."

One resident asked the FAA team if they "used noise monitors out in the neighborhoods?"

Donovan Johnson, the project's technical lead, answered that "to calculate the impacts of this proposed procedure we are required to use noise modeling as opposed to direct noise measurements on the ground. That allows the FAA to estimate noise levels over a wide geographic area.

"Noise measurements, on the other hand, would only allow targeted measurements

which is not practical for an air traffic project of this type."

Another attendee asked what exactly is meant by "bad weather?" and Willey took up the question:

"To describe weather, we usually say we have high ceilings or high visibility or we have marginal conditions. ... Marginal conditions are anything that affects our visibility and the ceiling of the clouds," he said.

"So if you are standing on the ground and you look up

and can measure how high the cloud deck is, that's what we would call a ceiling. We're talking about rain, mist, fogs, low clouds, freezing fog, snow, basically anything that affects our ability to see the runway or land the aircraft safely."

The FAA projects that if the changes are implemented, 359 aircraft would use the procedure each year. The makeup of that number would consist of 104 flights reallocated from other arrival runways and 255 landings that would be enabled by additional airport efficiency from the new procedure.

Logan currently has six runways, with two pairs of parallel paths that range from 2,500 to more than 10,000 feet in length. The airport can accommodate around 120 take-offs and landings per hour in good weather conditions, and 60 during inclement weather. A total of 427,176 aircraft took off and landed there in 2019.

The public comment period for the proposed plan will close on Nov. 20. Comments on the draft must be submitted on the project page at faaboston-workshops.com/project-information/ea-findings by sending an email to FAABostonWorkshops@esassoc.com.

A letter may be sent to Environmental Science Associates, c/o Boston Logan RNAV (GPS) Approach EA, 4200 West Cypress St, Suite 450, Tampa, FL 33607.



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Plan to enhance protection, public use at a 'high-level' stage

(Continued from page 1) phases, or it might be five, but we're going to work with the community on every single phase to make sure we get the design right."

Many elements outlined in the 2018 vision plan remain in the latest iteration, including four major sports and athletics fields at the park's core surrounded by trees and new paths, flood control measures, waterfront activities, clusters of community spaces throughout the park, and spaces for events and markets.

It also envisions a number of new facilities and additional parking, restrooms scattered throughout the park, and community buildings operated by a full-time maintenance staff.

A team from Stoss Landscape Urbanism was hired by the city to lead the project. Chris Reed, founding director at Stoss and a professor of landscape architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, presented "four pillars" at work in reimagining the park.

• "As we move forward, Moakley will first be a park that's about recreation and play," said Reed, who described active landscapes with high quality sports fields, multifunctional facilities, and dynamic play environments scattered throughout.

• The second consideration is public health and how to "develop the park with community-centered programs that will strengthen physical wellness, and social connection."

• The third pillar is resiliency and environmental protection. "We're planning for a safe, climate-resilient park that can deal with coastal and storm surge water flooding, for current and future conditions," said Reed. He added that the team plans to address the "ur-



A map shown during a virtual meeting last week on plans for Moakley Park show preliminary plans for relocating some park amenities and creating new ones, including a skate park and waterfront plaza amphitheatre. Image courtesy Boston Parks and Recreation

ban heat island effect" that can happen during the summer months by increasing the tree canopy—the team estimated that 500 new trees will be planted—and biodiversity.

• The final pillar—inclusion and access—is meant to ensure that Boston's waterfront is open to all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Reed highlighted the design's "active edge" with opportunities for markets and community events near Preble Circle, waterfront activities—including an amphitheater and a plaza, between a new berm and Day Boulevard, hills and climbing areas, sports courts and fitness areas, and a skate park on the end of the park near Kosciuszko Circle.

"We want to have a really active park, but also really beautiful landscape spaces that allow for shade and biodiversity and places for people," he said.

There will be parking within the park at key spaces to make the sports fields accessible. The existing lots near the football stadium and baseball fields will remain. New lots would be

positioned at the community building adjacent to a cluster of soccer fields and off Day Boulevard.

A key aspect of the plan is new lighting throughout the park. "That will really extend the hours of the park, allow more people to be there later at night, and really create some wonderful safety factors as well," said Reed.

"It will be illuminated at night and the brightest areas will exist at the center of the park and along the pathways. The idea here is to make a park that's more accessible to more people for more times of day. Attracting more people helps with safety, but we also want to provide lighting as a safety measure."

A key element of the design is a new berm that would protect the park from coastal flooding and stormwater inundation, which "happens almost every time we have a storm," Reed noted.

Julie Eaton, the lead resiliency engineer at Weston & Sampson, explained that engineers "did a series of deep probes to get a snapshot of what was below and what we found was

really quite variable. We saw mostly shallow groundwater on the site and ranging degrees of fill. "Deeper down," she said, "was more harbor drench material and fill."

She noted that probing as deep as 224 feet identified organics and sand underneath the fill, as well as major sewer and water infrastructure, and eventually ran into "Boston Blue Clay," a glacial marine element unique to the city, and bedrock.

"We wanted to understand what the conditions are at the site and what they mean for design," Eaton said. "That helped us look at the vision plan from 2018 in terms of re-evaluating flood design. We will work with Boston Water & Sewer to make sure their infrastructure is protected."

"The information is helpful in assessing the heights needed for flood protection, and some of the lower heights that can provide flood risk reduction for different elements of the site."

Reed said that the team has moved the park's barrier back slightly on the Carson Beach side, in part "to respond to those

underneath facilities. It gave us a little more space between that flood protection berm and Day Boulevard so that we have a little more waterside park than we had before."

He added: "We're really right at the beginning of schematic design which will last for the next eight to ten months. As we move forward, we'll be talking about governance and partnership development. And along the way, we'll be wanting to hear from you at a number of different points in the process."

Intermittently throughout the design presentation, the project team employed virtual polls to gather feedback from attendees. According to the first poll, about 35 percent of attendees had been involved in previous city-led engagement sessions, and the rest were new to the process. The majority of attendees called in from South Boston and Dorchester with scatterings of others from city neighborhoods.

Respondents identified their favorite activities in the park, which included walking and sports and access to

playgrounds and kids' activities. Top concerns were poor lighting and safety, and flooded fields after rain.

"One of the first things we have to do with those existing athletic facilities is really upgrade the quality of them so that they are not flooded out and can be used more regularly," said Reed.

A third common concern was connectivity and circulation through the park. Attendees indicated that it would be important for them to improve the current crossways to the park and walking paths through it.

Poll respondents also wanted to see seasonal events for year-round activity; cultural and musical events for more community interaction; cafes, food trucks and picnic activities; improved sports facilities; better lighting and spectator facilities; and exercise and jogging trails.

Many attendees wanted the main football field and running track to stay where they are now, close to the MBTA's JFK/UMass Red Line station. Generally, attendees supported inclusion of more activities for seniors, better baseball fields and benches, and more activity areas scattered in the park, and the addition of a skate park.

Different aspects of the Moakley Park plan will be discussed in further detail during subsequent virtual open house sessions. Remaining sessions include:

- Sports and the stadium: Tues., Nov. 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Community and Play: Tues., Nov. 17, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Public Health and Environment: Tues., Nov. 24, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Safeguards for Dot 'Shoreway' put at up to \$215m

(Continued from page 1) By the 2030s, the report anticipates that enhanced impacts to Port Norfolk, Neponset Circle, and Morrissey Boulevard — sections that already experience consistent storm overflows — will see more and stronger calamities, with "approximately 409 buildings" at risk as "flood pathways" expand. By 2070, the report envisions higher risks further inland, in places like Adams Village, Clam Point, the Bayside section of Columbia Point, and Pope's Hill.

The estimated cost of implementing the solutions ranges from \$111 million to \$215 million, depending on the choices made going forward by city and state officials.

There is a sense of urgency to some of the needed repairs and infrastructure. The report notes that storm events and high tides already are regularly inundating sections of the neighborhood.

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"With 40 inches of sea-level rise expected in the 2070s, vital assets will be damaged or destroyed," the authors write, adding, "The Leahy Holloran Commu-

nity Center will be exposed to flooding during fairly high-probability events (10 percent annual chance flood) and the McCormack Middle School will be exposed to flooding during low-probability events (1 percent annual chance flood)."

Infrastructure along the coast — from roads and rails to the stormwater system — would be "overwhelmed" if left in place as they are today, to which the report outlines measures that can mitigate the risks.

Landscape berms, flood walls, elevated walkways and road systems, and tide gates could be employed, along with adapting existing buildings to raise entrances and utilities out of harm's

way. Another option: "strategic retreat," defined in the study as "a phased process of removing or relocating existing buildings and preventing future development in vulnerable areas."

The report also introduces a new concept — "The Dorchester Shoreway" — a term used to define the neighborhood's 9.5 mile coastline that the authors envision transforming from a series of distinct, "disconnected" spaces into "one coherent, linked destination for all Dorchester residents and other residents of Boston."

The Shoreway's eventual completion is aspirational. Several major projects itemized in the

report have not yet been funded or fully planned out, including, among other things, a redesign to elevate and modernize Morrissey Boulevard, a state-controlled road system. Plans to move ahead on a rehab of Morrissey have been stalled in recent years.

Other projects named as critical:

- Connecting the Neponset Greenway to the Harborwalk with a "missing link" section between Tenean Beach and Victory Park.

• The transformation of the 60-acre Moakley Park into a resiliency centerpiece? — also not yet fully funded and still in design phase.

One fact highlighted in the report speaks to

the limits of city government's powers and the necessity for a well-coordinated approach to make the climate plan viable: land ownership.

Of the 9.5 miles of shoreline that constitutes Dorchester's waterfront, 7.2 miles are owned by the state, not Boston, which controls 0.3 miles of the coast.

Five segments outlined

The report segments Dot's coastline into five distinct zones: Neponset Riverfront, Neponset Circle & Adams Village, Port Norfolk, Clam Point & Tenean Beach, and Columbia Point-Morrissey Boulevard, which incorporates Moakley Park, which straddles (Continued next page)

'Inclusive' approach laid out in design plans for 'Bay City'

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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At a virtual BPDA meeting last Wednesday night, community members reacted largely positively to details and images presented by the development team focusing on urban design elements of the Dorchester Bay City project (DBC) proposed for Columbia Point.

The meeting — the second in a series — was broadcast on Zoom and translated into various languages including Spanish, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, and Cape Verdean Creole, an accommodation that Accordia Partners co-owner Kirk Sykes said reflected the spirit of inclusiveness driving the project.

"We're trying to make Dorchester Bay City the most inclusive, empowering, and accessible place in Boston," said Sykes. "This is a very special place. We are also mindful that we have a chance to transform what has been for many, many years now asphalt and cars into a vision that includes 20 acres of additional open space that will enhance public access to the water's edge."

The design-heavy presentation, led by Sykes, Tamara Roy of Stantec, and architects involved in the project, highlighted the team's intent to connect the site seamlessly to both the existing neighborhood and the waterfront, while incorporating pedestrian and bicycle-friendly infrastructure.

Roy emphasized their careful consideration of the Columbia Point Master Plan, a vision for the region developed by the city and the Columbia and Savin Hill neighborhoods in 2011.

The team members "respect and value" the effort that went into the Columbia Point Master Plan, said Roy, adding, "we have taken many portions of that plan into our street and walk layout."

As it stands, the project would bring to the neighborhood 1,740 housing units (20 percent of which would be affordable), 4 million square feet of lab and office space, 150,000 square feet of room for shopping or dining, and 20 acres of open space.

Roy pointed out that much of the former Bayside property represents untapped potential. The DBC project would transform those parking lots into a transit-focused community that Sykes said will



Above, top, a rendering shown during a virtual meeting last week to discuss design elements of the proposed Dorchester Bay City development at Bayside on Columbia Point. Below, a map displayed during the meeting shows how the site might be laid out with four pathways or "fingers" bisecting the property. Images courtesy Accordia Partners/Ares

welcome folks "by land, by sea, by road, and by T," complete with improved sidewalks connecting Mt. Vernon Street to the JFK/UMass T station, a potential ferry service providing connection to downtown, and separated bike lanes on "every single street" within the project.

"The area is currently very auto-centric, and the goal of our urban design is to weave together the two sites and integrate the project into the existing neighborhood," said Greg Minott of the local architecture firm Dream Collaborative. "Our other goal is to create a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly place."

Demetrios Staurinos, from Philadelphia-based OLIN Architecture, described how four pathways or "fingers"

with distinct characters would connect Mt. Vernon Street to the waterfront.

"These would be more than just streets but actual linear parks," he said, that would create green space, gathering points, and room for outdoor dining patios, in addition to routes for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

One of those fingers, a central "Boardwalk" passageway, would be bookended by an "Innovation Plaza" on the Morrissey parcel that now houses Santander Bank and a "Porch," a garden-like gathering space abutting the DCR Harborwalk.

In a Q&A section following the meeting, RODE Architects principal Kevin Deabler applauded the development team's idea to hold a de-

sign competition for certain buildings in the complex, an initiative he hopes will "raise the bar" for the project.

"I encourage this notion of a competition," he said, "and I look forward to seeing some of the world's greatest architects look at this as a challenge for them."

A good portion of the community questions and comments took up transportation issues, with residents curious how the project will dovetail with several infrastructure projects slated for Morrissey Boulevard, Kosciusko Circle, and Moakley Park.

"Things like shopping and retail spaces are huge traffic generators," said Michael Corcoran, the chief operating officer at Corcoran Jennison, an abutter of the DBC site.

"There needs to be enormous infrastructure improvements for people to get in and out of this site, not only for people living and working here but also for visitors."

Dorchester resident Adam Pieniazek suggested the project's current allotment for 1,289 underground parking spaces was excessive. He pointed to a Twitter poll he conducted asking people if they would live in a car-free Dorchester Bay City. He said 50.5 percent responded 'yes,' and another 13.2 percent said, 'maybe.'

"So, I think there's a lot of promise for such a thing, and it solves a lot of the problems that people raise about traffic and K circle," said Pieniazek.

Sykes was receptive to multiple suggestions that the project design include public art installations or murals created by local artists, noting that such an initiative "may take many forms, but I imagine that will be a robust piece, and we'll very much embrace local artists in giving them a place to do what they do and to make some money doing what they do on our sites."

Erica Shwarz, a member of the community group Dorchester Not For Sale, expressed concerns about Dorchester residents being priced out of the project's housing structures.

"It seems like it's inclusive for everyone to walk through, but not live in," said Shwarz. "Market price housing will not be affordable to a huge percentage of Dorchester families whose living costs are going to go up because of this development. ... Unless there is a much longer process, this development, like so many others that are being pushed through really quickly like the one in East Boston, is going to devastate our city."

BPDA project manager Aisling Kerr noted that the project's public comment period has been extended to Dec. 11, and that upcoming community meetings will address issues of transportation and housing.

Those meetings are scheduled as follows:

Nov. 4: Open Space, Public Realm & Resilience; Nov. 16: Transportation & Infrastructure; Dec. 2: Topic to be determined. More information about the development proposal and the Article 80 process can be found on the project page at bostonplans.org.

Safeguards for Dot 'Shoreway' put at up to \$215m

the Dorchester-South Boston border.

With respect to Morrissey-Columbia Point, the report leans heavily on redevelopment projects at Bayside (Dorchester Bay City) and Moakley Park to provide new infrastructure that would act as bulwarks against floods into the surrounding neighborhoods, saying:

"When completed, the flood pathways at Moakley Park and Bayside will be closed with a series of connected flood protection strategies."

These would include a

landscaped berm around Moakley; raising the elevation of the existing Harborwalk around the perimeter of Columbia Point; and raising curbs around McConnell Park in Savin Hill.

Along Morrissey Boulevard, planners call for the roadway itself to be elevated to as high as 16 feet. Tide gates and berms would also be constructed to regulate water levels in Patten's Cove, the wetland between Columbia Point and Savin Hill. The cost for the various versions of the plan just for Mor-

rissey and Columbia Point: between \$55.6 million and \$90.9 million.

The Tenean-Clam Point segment would have landscape berms and a waterfront boardwalk to connect the Greenway to Morrissey's Harborwalk, along with a floodwall along the Red Line tracks and the raising of Conley Street to 12.5 feet. This phase, budget writers estimate, could cost between \$16.6m and \$39.2 million.

Port Norfolk, home to a mix of residents, businesses and public

amenities, is already experiencing routine flooding and is highly vulnerable to worsening conditions. In addition to berms and flood walls, the report sees the raising of roads and even existing buildings to prevent their destruction as sea levels continue to rise. The estimated cost outlined for just Port Norfolk protections: \$20.5 million-\$65.7 million.

Near Neponset Circle, raising the Harborwalk along Pope John Paul II Park and adding new berms and wetlands will

be needed, along with tide gates and a floodwall to block flow into Neponset and Adams Corner, the report says. It will cost between \$10.8 million and \$14 million for work on this segment.

The final stretch — between the dam in Lower Mills to Pope John Paul II Park — is the least costly to protect, at between \$800,000 and \$1 million to raise the Greenway trail, add a berm park near Granite Avenue, and adapt building levels for vulnerable homes near St. Brendan's parish and Cedar Grove.

A timeline outlined in the report anticipates more "near-term" action on high-risk sections of Morrissey Boulevard before 2030. State agencies — the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the MBTA, Mass Dept. of Transportation and UMass — are key stakeholders. "This means," the authors note, "that collaboration and coordination, particularly with the Commonwealth, will be essential to the successful implementation of coastal resiliency solutions."

A touch of Bangkok on Dorchester Ave. Just Thai Kitchen in Fields Corner

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

The middle of a pandemic doesn't seem like the ideal time to open up a restaurant, but don't tell that to Seasa Hofman. The Jamaica Plain resident by way of Thailand has decades of restaurant experience under his belt thanks to his aunt, who ran the Montien Thai restaurant in Chinatown for 35 years before selling it earlier this year.

Eager to trade in the spacious downtown eatery for more intimate digs of his own, Hofman jumped at the chance this summer when a retail space opened up on Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner.

"We were lucky to get the spot," admitted Hofman. "But we hope to stay and be here a long time."

The space, which up until recently housed the Magic Wok restaurant, is now home to Just Thai Kitchen, where patrons can find authentic Bangkok-style street food like stir-fry noodles, fried rice, and spicy curry dishes.

Since opening at the end of September, the eatery has received a warm welcome from the neighborhood, said Hofman.

"Everybody has been coming in and telling us 'Welcome to Dorchester.' People have been really friendly, and it seems like they are happy we are here."

The restaurant stands out as one of few Thai establishments in the area, which is home to a robust Vietnamese culinary scene. Hofman thinks his spot stands to benefit by offering



Seasa Hofman, left and Chef Pong posed in front of a new Thai cultural collage inside their Dorchester Ave. restaurant. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

something different.

"Vietnam and Thailand are neighbors, but the food's a bit different," he explained. "We want to give people an idea of what authentic Thai food is like, and I think here in Boston people always like to try something new."

The interior of the restaurant has been refreshed with a sharp remodeling job and a dash of bright paint, as

well as a painting gifted by a friend with a collage of Thai landmarks and cultural icons. On an opposing wall, a TV screen rolls footage of a show exploring Thai street food.

In encouraging neighbors to sample Thai food, Hofman and his chef, a fellow Thai-born Massachusetts resident named Pong, are also hoping to promote Thai culture.

"A lot of Thai food is

about balancing," said Pong, describing the cuisine as an organic type of fusion. "We're in between India and China, so we kind of take a bit from stir fry and curry and make it our own. But Thai food is also pretty healthy. We use coconut milk instead of dairy, so it's light. We also care about our vegan and vegetarian customers, and have a lot of options for them, as well."

The chef has also infused some personality into the menu with a "Just Authentic Thai" section featuring dishes like Khao Kapow and Khao Katiem that he says are just as spicy as what one would buy from a street vendor in Thailand.

A current special spotlights one of Pong's personal favorites—crispy ginger "JTK" wings—and with colder weather incoming, he's also preparing for seasonal specials like Massaman curry and Tom Yum, a hot and sour soup.

As the small Dot Ave. space can only accommodate a few patrons at a time, and with a foreboding pandemic forecast on the horizon, take-out and delivery through services like Uber Eats and Doordash will likely make up the bulk of Just Thai orders.

But, Hofman said, the warm reception from his new neighbors and a fairly steady stream of customers has him feeling optimistic. "In the last few weeks I think we've sold out of everything on the menu," he said, "which is good. We want people to get the full, real experience."

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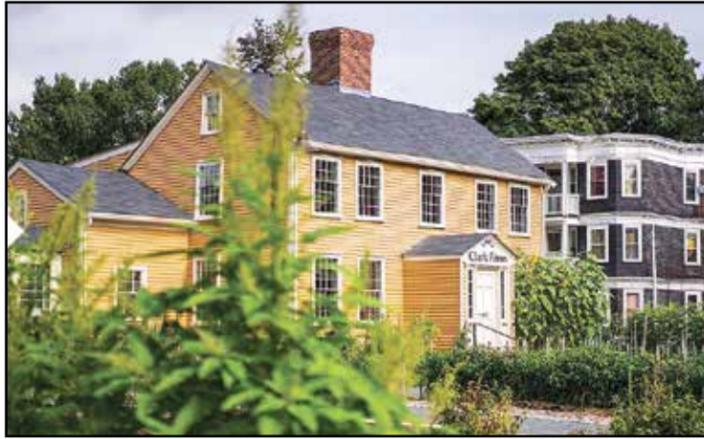
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News about people
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National preservation award to Fowler Clark Epstein Farm

A reclaimed farm on Norfolk Street in Mattapan has won the prestigious Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award last week. Once a distressed eyesore on Norfolk Street, the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm is one of the few remaining connections to the neighborhood's agrarian past.

The property was saved from blight and likely destruction in 2015— after many years of neglect from previous owners— when Historic Boston Inc. purchased it and spent \$3.67 million to rehab the



The Fowler Clark Epstein Farm as seen from Norfolk Street in Mattapan.

buildings and farmland in partnership with the Urban Farming Institute (UFI), the Trust for Public Land, and the North Bennet Street School.

The property is now programmed by UFI, which offers community educational courses, productive farmland, office space, a greenhouse, and a residence for two full-time farmers.

“The repurposing of the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm turned a property that was overgrown and deteriorating into a visual, social, and economic benefit for the neighbor-

hood,” said Patricia Spence, president and CEO of Urban Farming Institute of Boston.

The Driehaus awards celebrate the best in historic preservation, adaptive reuse, and the re-imagining of historic buildings for the future.

This year's virtual awards ceremony, which features other historic landmarks from New York and Memphis, were held during the Past Forward Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation on Oct. 29.

Dot resident cited for 33 years of service at Spaulding Rehab

Richard Shelton of Dorchester was feted recently at a ceremony celebrating his retirement from Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown, where he worked as a greeter for the last 33 years.

Affectionately known as the “Mayor of Spaulding,” Shelton was surprised with a new Employee of the Month award named in his honor, several gifts of



Richard Shelton

appreciation, and official declarations from both

the Boston City Council and Mayor Martin Walsh.

He was also given a special signed putter from former New England Patriot Tedy Bruschi, with whom Shelton golfs each year as part of the Tee Off with Tedy Tournament held in support of Spaulding.

For over three decades, Shelton was the face of the institution, greeting patients, visitors, and

staff with a word and a warm smile.

“Anyone who interacts with Richard immediately experiences his genuineness, humor, and compassion,” said Spaulding President David Storto. “For so many people he has been their first impression of Spaulding. Whether in person or on the phone, no matter the stress they may feel, they know they are speaking to someone who cares and will do all he can to help.”

Storto continued: “The stories of small acts of kindness by Richard

are too many to name. However, they all helped make Spaulding a more welcoming place. All of us wish him well and feel so fortunate to have him as part of our community.”

Shelton, a Tonawanda Street resident, said he was “flabbergasted” by the surprise ceremony marking the end of his career. He reflected on his favorite parts of the job, where he met people “from all walks of life.”

“I greeted them out of respect and made sure everyone was comfortable that came through the door, even the em-

ployees at six in the morning. My goal was just to make sure people were going to work with a smile on their faces.”

He added that in 33 years on the job, he was never once late. Formerly a semi-pro golfer, he hopes to spend a good chunk of his retirement on the golf course.

“I’m going to take some time to strengthen my body and see if I can get back out there,” he said.

“Tedy told me to go out and get some birdies, so I guess that’s what I’ve got to do.”

—DANIEL SHEEHAN

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Anna Clapp Harris Smith

Founder of the Animal Rescue League

Nearly everyone in Dorchester has heard of or used the services of The Animal Rescue League. But how many of us realize that it was founded by a Dorchester woman?

Anna Clapp Harris Smith was born at 65 Pleasant St. at the foot of Jones Hill in the house she lived in her entire life. Anna Clapp Harris was the grand-daughter of Samuel Clapp, who had a modest cooperage (barrel/cask-making) business. Her mother Anna Larkin Clapp married William Harris, a Boston printer. Anna, the subject of this piece, married J. Huntington Smith, a publisher. Anna's occupation was given as journalist in the 1900 US Census. A founder of the League in 1899, she served as president of the Animal Rescue League from 1901 to 1929, and the League flourished under her leadership.

The following is excerpted from an Anthony Sammarco article that appeared in the “Dorchester Community News” circa 1990:

“Anna Harris completed her education in Boston, after attending Miss Pope's School on Meetinghouse Hill. She became an accomplished musician, and taught music, giving informal recitals with her brother Samuel who was a talented violinist. She also composed music for several songs. The Harris family, comfortable and well-established, were among the leaders of local society.

In 1884, Anna Harris married Huntington Smith of Boston; he was the editor of the Boston Beacon, later to become its owner and publisher. The Smiths lived in Anna's family home, which had been built on the stone foundations of the Thomas Jones House, reputedly built in 1636. ... Undoubtedly, Anna Smith was a



compassionate person, and tried to do the right thing concerning animals. But according to her biography, she was deeply shocked when a neighbor told her that, when her cat became too old to catch mice, she would have it taken to the woods and left there. This apparently fueled Smith's desire to form some sort of protective circle for animals. ...

“As a member of the First Parish Church's Benevolent Society, then headed by Emily Fifield, Smith visited the sick and the poor. Apart from the human misery that she was, she was overwhelmed by the conditions of animals in back alleys and beasts of burden on the main streets of Boston. This concern became a driving force for Smith, and culminated with the incorporation of the Animal Rescue League of Boston on March 13, 1899. Smith coined the phrase “Kindness Uplifts the World,” which is still the league's motto.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.



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Únase a la ciudad de Boston y a los asociados de la comunidad para una actualización del RFPs del Uphams Corner. Se proporcionarán interpretación. Las traducciones de los documentos están disponibles previa solicitud. Avisar con 10-14 días.

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Editorial

Biden may prevail, but Trumpism lives on

The agonizing wait for resolution in the presidential contest dragged on as the Reporter went to press on Wednesday morning. As of this hour, it remains unclear if Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will prevail over Donald Trump and Mike Pence. Several swing states — Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina — still have millions of votes to count.

They must be allowed to count them.

In the early morning hours, from the White House, the president proclaimed — falsely — that he was the winner in several of the states that are too close to call. Trump is following through on what he said he would do: Claim victory, even if it were not his to claim. Worse, he's casting efforts to continue counting ballots that were mailed in as some form of fraud.

"Millions and millions of people voted for us tonight. And a very sad group of people is trying to disenfranchise that group of people and we won't stand for it," Trump said.

It's a predictably pathetic approach for this consummate conman, who seeks to sow doubt and further divide a deeply fractured, wounded republic.

We must not take the bait. What's needed now — at this critical moment — is calm, patience, and perseverance.

Take stock of what we have that's good in our community: Bostonians, at least, woke up in a city that flatly rejected this outrageously bad president and his enablers. The heaviest voter turnout yesterday morning — by percentage — was at a precinct in Ward 14 near the Dorchester-Mattapan line on Norfolk Street where 250 people — roughly 22 percent of those eligible — visited Metropolitan Baptist Church, the polling site, between 7-9 a.m. Rep. Russell Holmes said the high turnout there was "both cultural and lack of trust."

"Many Black people want the experience of voting on Election Day and we trust seeing our ballots going in the machines as normal. It's a tradition that respects our history and struggle," he said.

If Biden unseats Trump — and that remains a big "if" as of this writing — it will be because Black Americans in all corners of the nation — from Mattapan to Minneapolis, from Dorchester to Detroit — can be counted on as the Democrats' stalwart allies.

Look at Biden-Harris ticket's performance in Mattapan's nearly-all-Black precincts. The Democrats won the ones at Mildred Avenue and Groveland Senior Center and the Mattahunt School with more than 90 percent of the vote.

These are the sorts of margins that we have to rely on to win the White House because too many white Americans — including many in our own backyard — are low-key Trumpists at heart. They're haters. There's no other way to describe them after watching this president in action for four years.

Biden and Harris may still win, but, no matter what, this election has shown how dangerously off track we are as a nation.

Large proportions of our fellow Americans — having seen all the same evidence that you and I have — still support a person who props up white supremacists and big-ups bigots. A president who smears scientists and the doctors who have spent the year saving whatever lives they can from a virus that he's allowed to rampage through all 50 states. A president who promotes bat-shit crazy conspiracy theories, coddles dictators, and dismisses our own fighting soldiers as suckers and losers.

And still, after all that, he's the presidential pick of a rational human being?

Tuesday made it very clear: Trumpism won't be stamped out when this bozo is broomed out of the Oval Office. Sadly, it's here to stay.

— Bill Forry

The SSgt. Beard case file: Family and Army connect

The following letter is in response to two articles published recently by the Reporter (Sept. 9, Oct. 15) about the missing remains of US Army Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Beard, a native of Dorchester who died in the Philippines in the early days of US involvement in World War II after he was taken off the Bataan "Death March" and brought back to a captured US fort in Manila where he died in June 1942.

To: Tom Mulvoy

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to thank you for writing your article, "Have they found Sgt. Joseph W. Beard?" in the Sept. 9 Dorchester Reporter. I am SSG Beard's great nephew and I grew up in Hyde Park, MA. I came upon the article seemingly by chance and frankly was awestruck when I read it. My father, Joseph M. Beard (Joseph W's nephew), grew up on Everdean Street in Dorchester; he died last February. While he was sick, he gave me SSG Beard's Purple Heart Medal to keep safe along with a Memorial book, dedicated in memory of my Great Uncle.

When I showed your article to my brother Tom, he sent me a text back saying that it was my father taking care of unfinished business upstairs. My uncle, Phil Beard, remarkably sent almost the same text to me after I sent your article to him. Needless to say, every time I think of those texts and my father, I want to cry.

Finding your article, started a flurry of conversation and activity across connections on Facebook. My Aunt Lauren and my Uncles Mike and Phil, along with countless cousins and friends, were connecting again over this story. The fact that an 80-year-old tragedy/mystery could someday be solved is really an amazing thing. We are a family of veterans from Boston, and the thought that someday one of our lost could come home after all of these years is extremely overwhelming and joyous.

Since I read your article, some activity has taken place. I reached out directly to SFC Sean Everette at Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Public Affairs Office (this lead came from your article!!!!). SFC Everette put me in touch with some other folks at the agency who deal with the cases directly. Yesterday, I spoke for a second time with a

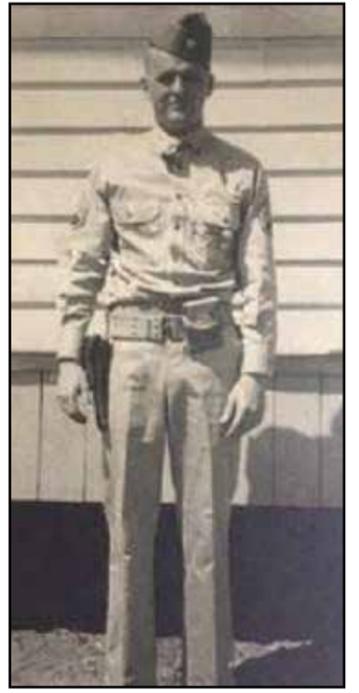
wonderful and kind member of the organization. She sent me a copy of SSG Beard's MIA file, which included copies of a handwritten letter from my great grandmother; likely this is something no one outside of the federal government has ever seen.

I have registered with the agency to give a DNA sample, and additional samples will now be given by other family members in the coming weeks and months. The hope is that someday in the future, likely years from now, through some luck and some hard work by the folks at Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, they will be able to identify our uncle's remains and bring him home at last.

Without this article, I can't imagine that we would have heard anything about SSG Beard's case for many years, if ever. Please send my thanks to Earl Taylor of the Dorchester Historical Society and Jim Opolony of Bataanproject.org for their part in passing this message along to you.

My sincerest thanks go to you for writing this article. It came to us out of the blue, but given the passing of my old man, and all the emotion that goes with that, this was a real blessing. If for whatever reason, you ever find doubt in what you do, or feel as though people aren't listening (or even writers' block), just know that this story made a difference in the lives of a local family with deep Dorchester roots.

Respectfully,
Joe Beard
Pembroke, MA



SSgt. Joseph W. Beard

Halloween on Butler Street: Candy bars, coconuts for the few who ventured out

BY QUINCY WALTERS
WBUR REPORTER

While most Boston streets were quiet on Halloween night, Santa, the Grinch, Spider-Man, Pikachu and other enchanting beings flocked to Butler street in the Lower Mills section of Dorchester, where they were bound to get candy. At dusk, awaiting the cadre of characters to descend on his home, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh stood ready on his porch covered in cobwebs and jack-o-lanterns.

"Just give it time," he said, with large candy bars — Twix, Snickers, Milky Ways, Hershey's chocolate — stacked like gold bricks on a table beside him. "It's still early."

His porch stairs were blocked off at the bottom with yellow caution tape and ominously painted wooden signs reading "stand here." Soon enough, one of the first trick-or-treaters of the night, nine-year-old Mari Dolan, walked up to the mayor's home.

"It's a lot different," she said. "Everyone's wearing masks and there's not that many people."

What's also different was how the mayor delivered candy this year — through two eight-foot-long PVC chutes.

Asked how she has been dealing with the pandemic, Dolan said that for the most part, she's "been doing pretty good, actually. But it's still kind of difficult doing school from home and being on the computer all day."

Her mom, Amy, was "nervous" about taking her two kids trick-or-treating, so only opted to get candy from people they personally know and who are doing so safely.

Across the street was another house giving out sweets in a less elaborate way than the mayor, but with extra safety precautions: a big bottle of hand sanitizer next to multiple bowls of candy.

"Everyone has been great in terms of social distancing and asking before they take candy," said Emily Zimmerman, who just moved in last summer. She said despite the pandemic, she's been looking forward to this Halloween for months.

"Our landlords told us Halloween is super popular on this street," Zimmerman said. "Everyone knows it's a good area for trick-or-treating."

And no one knows that to be true quite like her neighbor Jim O'Malley, who said he's lived in that house for 50 years.



Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and his longtime partner, Lorrie Higgins, waited for trick-or-treaters at their Lower Mills home last Saturday. The couple set up a system for giving out candy through a PVC pipe installed on their front porch.

Quincy Walters/WBUR photo

"This little street is overwhelmed with visitors and kids coming, because most of the houses are usually decorated," he said. "It looks like it might be not as great as the other nights. But they're coming little by little."

And little by little, little princesses and Star Wars Storm Troopers and superheroes and Pokémon came to the street to get candy. But O'Malley, the street's unofficial Halloween historian, said this is the first time he's seen houses dark on the last night of October. One house had a handwritten sign that read "See You Next Year!"

In the middle of comparing this pandemic Halloween to prior ones, one of O'Malley's neighbors walked up to him to give him a coconut — one that fell off a tree, and not a Mounds chocolate bar.

"I'm getting a coconut they don't want. I don't really like coconut itself, on a muffin or something," he said. "But, crack open this thing and I like it like that." In a way, he said, the coconut is like his Halloween candy.

Even though this All Hallows Eve didn't have the trappings of Halloweens past, the kids on this street still managed to have a spooktacular time.

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Biden-Harris wins Boston over Trump-Pence by 83-15 margin

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ticket prevailed, 974-343— roughly 74 percent of the vote.

In Mattapan, the margins were even more lopsided. At the Mildred Avenue school, where voters converge from three precincts to cast ballots, it was a rout. Biden-Harris won 450-26 in 17-7 and 949-37 in 17-10.

At the Lower Mills library, the home precinct of Mayor Walsh, voters broke for Biden-Harris, 789-177.

Trump performed better in a handful of precincts in and around Neponset Circle— including Florian Hall's 16-12, a reliably right-leaning enclave that sometimes breaks for moderate and more conservative candidates over progressives.

When the votes were counted, Trump lost the precinct, but not by much. It was Biden-Harris 511, Trump-Pence 487.

Outside Florian on Tuesday, two men who support Trump held signs and waved at motorists, some of whom honked back in support. One of the men, Thomas Murphy of Dorchester, said he was backing the president because Trump is "for pro-life and we're Christian."

Murphy said he feared that Biden would "lock down the country for a year" to combat the coronavirus, which Murphy believes will "go away no doubt." He added,

"but you can't shut down the schools and lock down the country again. That will be the destruction of the United States."

Others outside the Florian Hall double-precinct were pushing for Biden, including Brandy Fluker Oakley, who was also on the ballot Tuesday as the Democratic nominee for 12th Suffolk state representative. She was unopposed and will be sworn into office in January.

Fluker Oakley was optimistic about the turnout and the momentum she saw for Biden-Harris in the morning rush.

"I don't know if it was the pre-work crowd or what, but there has definitely been enthusiasm, people wanting to be sure to cast their votes," she said. "What I'm hearing in terms of turnout nationwide would signal that a change is coming but we also know that we've heard from 45 that if the results are not in his favor, he plans to contest them."

"What's really hard for me is that it seems like over the last four years our country has become more and

more divided. I would like to see a leadership that unifies us as opposed to keeping us apart."

Annissa Essaibi-George, a Boston city councillor who campaigned for Biden-Harris and US Sen. Ed Markey, admitted yesterday that she had "a lot of anxiety about today."

"I'm hopeful but, you know, cautiously optimistic," she said. "But who knows because we also live in a little bit of a bubble here in Massachusetts."

Election day in the city unfolded with none of the disruption and drama that was feared in other parts of the nation. The morning began with long lines at some polling locations, including the Lower Mills Library in Ward 17, where voters queued at the front door beginning at 6:30 a.m., a half hour before voting commenced. By 7:15, the line stretched down Richmond Street and halfway down the block along Dorchester Avenue. Mayor Martin Walsh, who votes in Lower Mills, was among those spotted in the line, which gradually dissipated as the early

vote rush ended over the next hour.

More than a third of Bostonians had cast their ballots ahead of Nov. 3. By late Tuesday, the city Election Department reported that 274,344 votes had been cast— roughly 65.5 percent of the total electorate. If accurate, that figure is smaller than the turnout in 2016, when 66.5 percent of eligible voters participated.

Voters should not be surprised if there was not a clear national result of the presidential election on Tuesday night or for several days after, said Walsh.

"That does not mean that the voting process is broken or compromised in any way. In this particular year, it seems like we're going to be setting a record in the country for turnout in a national election. I advise everyone to be prepared for the process to take some time," he said.

Katie Trojano and Daniel Sheehan of the Reporter contributed to this article.

Ranked vote rejected; Markey re-elected

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and unofficial returns.

Supporters of the auto repair question said their win at the ballot box would ensure that consumers can get their car or truck repaired wherever they want, but even after conceding defeat opponents of Question 1 said the Right to Repair Committee failed to show why the change was necessary.

Unofficial results showed voters favoring Question 1 by a three-to-one margin with over 65 percent of precincts reporting, according to the Associated Press.

With 80 percent of precincts reporting, the ranked choice voting question trailed with 45.5 percent supporting the initiative and 54.5 percent opposed, despite proponents raising nearly \$10 million and vastly outspending their opponent who raised just over \$3,500.

Sen. Ed Markey defeated his Republican challenger, Kevin O'Connor, a Dover attorney. Markey's victory followed the Malden Democrat's defeat of U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy III in September, a primary battle that energized young Markey supporters and garnered national attention from progressive activists.

"I meant what I said on primary night -- the age of incrementalism is over," Markey said in a livestreamed speech. "The time to be timid is over. Now is our moment to think big, build big, be big. As individuals, as political leaders, as a nation, we must turn what must be done into what gets done. In 2021, we will put justice on the floor of the United States Senate."

Rep. Ayanna Pressley, first elected in 2018, thanked supporters for electing her to a second term and asked them to "just take good care of yourself" as election results rolled in and movement supporters prepared for challenges ahead. She ran against independent candidate Roy Owens and a write-in challenger, Randolph Republican Rayla Campbell.

Pressley recalled meeting a couple Tuesday morning at the Shelburne Community Center who had voted together over five decades and seen "heartbreak and progress," an 18-year-old voter who told her he was "ready to make his voice heard," and a woman in Roxbury in her early 70s who had lost a leg to diabetes.

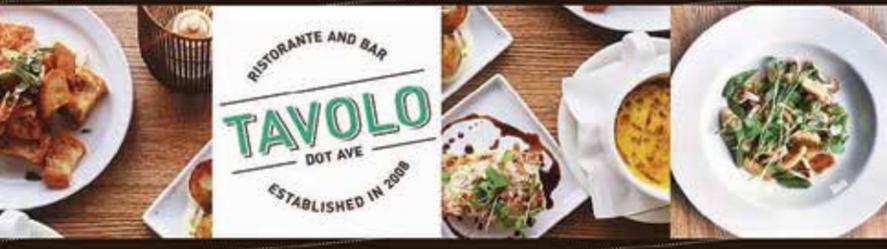
"I told my daughter to bring me because I would not be able to sleep until I voted," Pressley said the woman told her.

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Citing complacency, Baker puts new Covid limits in place

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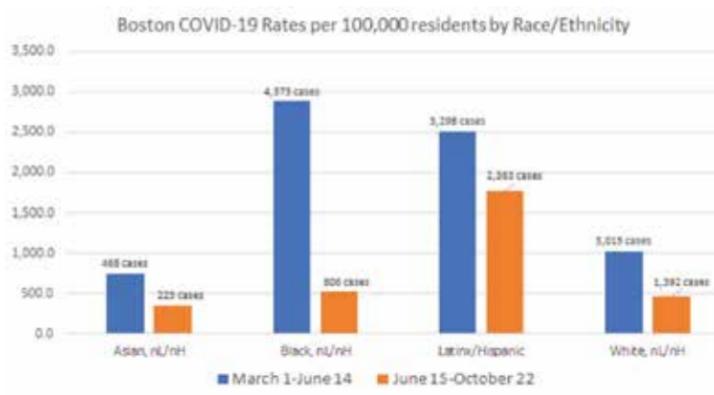
time and time again, but it's true: We're doing much better than many other states and many other countries, but here, too, we've let down our guard and we have work to do."

The governor said his decision to put more restrictive measures in place was made after consultation with public health experts who, he said, "are increasingly concerned about the virus's spread and the uptick it creates in hospitalizations." He added that health care workers are becoming alarmed by the state's recent resurgence.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said on Monday morning that he had spoken with Baker about the new orders and strongly supports them. He spoke before the details of Baker's new orders were made public.

"On Friday, my chief of health and human services, Marty Martinez, talked about the need, potentially, of rolling back restaurants in the city of Boston, the need for potentially having to roll back gatherings. We don't want to go there," Walsh said. He added, "Before we take drastic measures and shut everything down, we have to try and control this virus ... what he's announcing today I support wholeheartedly."

Violating the governor's new orders could lead to a fine and Baker said "local communities can enforce them with



whatever means they feel is most appropriate."

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, the Department of Public Health will issue a stay at home advisory that tells people to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. except to go to work or for essential purposes; casinos, indoor recreation facilities, theaters and other entertainment venues must close by 9:30 p.m.; restaurants must cease table service by 9:30 p.m.; and all non-medical cannabis and liquor sales must end by 9:30 p.m.

"Since Labor Day, which is 55 days ago, the number of new cases per day has grown by almost 300 percent and over the same period of time the number of people hospitalized on a daily basis is increased by 145 percent," Baker said. "Those trends are obviously heading in the wrong direction ... and the data points to a clear need to do something about these trends."

The local arm of the National Federation of Independent Business was critical of Baker's new orders and said the latest steps threaten to further diminish "an already fragile economy and hinder the state's recovery."

"It is unfortunate when businesses that worked hard for months dutifully complying with every state guideline, protocol, regulation, restriction, and mandate must now scale back. Just as the state unemployment rate has started trending in the right direction, a statewide roll-back will certainly threaten those job gains," NFIB State Director Christopher Carozzi said, adding:

"Instead of penalizing businesses playing by the rules that are already experiencing a drop in customers and sales, the state should attempt to take a more targeted approach to curb the spread of the virus."

The governor said his intention Monday was to announce

measures that stop short of shutting businesses down while reducing "the number of opportunities and activities where people gather in groups and get them home with only members of their household."

"The goal here is to say all this stuff that's going on that's indoors, that's informal, that's not masked, that's close contact where people are sharing food and drink and a sofa is just exactly the wrong thing and it's a big part of why a huge part of the growth in our trend has been in young people who fall into that category," Baker said.

He added, "I think what we're trying to say here is by 10 o'clock people should use their heads and be with the people they live with instead of continuing to perpetuate this constant churning of folks, especially in informal settings in places and spaces where there aren't any rules and there isn't any guidance and people aren't adhering to any of the distance or mask rules that are effective at reducing the spread."

Bob Luz, president and CEO of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, said restaurants are likely to see more early sittings, noting it's "uncomfortable" to seat diners at 8 p.m. and expect them to be done by 9:30.

"Shutting restaurants down early doesn't stop people from gathering," Luz told Bloomberg Baystate Business Hour Monday afternoon,

predicting people will gather instead in unregulated environments so "it actually in my mind potentially enhances the opportunity for this type of gathering."

Restaurants stand to lose business in connection with two upcoming New England Patriots night games, Luz said, and the policies will also hamper the holiday dining season. "We're talking about employees that have been ravaged," he said. "And this is just, you know, another kick in the gut to them."

There were 2,431 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in Massachusetts over the weekend, 10,013 people with confirmed or probable cases of the virus have died here since mid-March, and the autumn resurgence of the virus appears to be under way. The state has reported more than 1,000 new cases of COVID-19 each day for more than a week.

On Friday, Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo announced that she was cutting her state's gathering limit from 15 to 10 people, prohibiting spectators at youth sporting events for the next two weeks, curtailing visits at hospitals and nursing homes, and closing indoor athletic facilities for one week. She said Rhode Island was "on a path" to opening a field hospital in the next few weeks, according to WPRI.

Michael P. Norton contributed to this article.

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'On the edge' of spike, city mulls plan on curbing Covid spread

By **KATIE TROJANO**
REPORTER STAFF

Boston officials are developing new measures that will be implemented over the next 60 days in response to a steady increase in the citywide positive Covid-19 test rate over the last five weeks.

Dorchester posted the highest test rate last week, at 11.9 percent, well above the citywide average of 7.9 percent. And Mattapan was second highest, at 10.9 percent.

"It's been five consistent weeks that we are seeing these numbers go up, which is concerning," Mayor Walsh said during a press conference last Thursday in City Hall. "The focus now must be to turn around this trend and we are definitely seeing a trend now."

Marty Martinez, the city's chief of Health and Human Services, joined Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) officials in a press roundtable on Friday to brief reporters on the steps the city is looking at to combat the trend.

The BPHC's most recent data show that the

citywide average positive test rate increased from 6 percent the prior week (Oct. 11-17) to 7.8 percent last week (Oct. 18-24). Dorchester zip codes 02122 and 02124 posted the city's highest positivity rate at 11.9 percent, with 02121 and 02125 at 10.1 percent.

A breakdown of Covid rates per 100,000 residents by neighborhood and race/ethnicity from June 15 to Oct. 22 shows that Latinx populations in Dorchester zip codes are among the highest in the city.

The same dataset from March 1 to June 14 shows that rates were disproportionately high

among Black and Latinx communities in neighborhoods citywide.

"It's not just one neighborhood or one area. It has cut across all of our neighborhoods in many different ways," said Martinez. "This data has been really centrally important to us to target initiatives, outreach, and efforts within specific neighborhoods, which has been key."

"In the earlier months," he said, "you see that the Black community in almost every neighborhood was the hardest hit. There was definitely a disproportionate impact. We've seen progress in this community in terms

of the number of new infections; however still much work needs to be done with the increase in the Latinx community and our vulnerable populations."

Said BPHC Executive Director Rita Nieves: "Covid has been experienced unequally throughout our neighborhoods and especially those that have large percentages of Black and other people of color and immigrant residents. Our Black and Latinx residents have consistently accounted for above 30 percent of our cases."

The city's health data also shows a reduction in recent months in

the number of Covid cases and mortalities in Black communities, but a steady increase in those rates in the Latinx community.

"Our goal will continue to be to focus on the inequitable impact of the virus in our neighborhoods," said Nieves.

"We have lessons learned and things that we can continue to use to guide how we prepare if we do end up with a steady increase in our numbers going into the winter."

Dr. Jennifer Lo, medical director at the BPHC, shared some trends that health officials are noticing through case investigations and contact tracing when it comes to what types of scenarios lead to exposure.

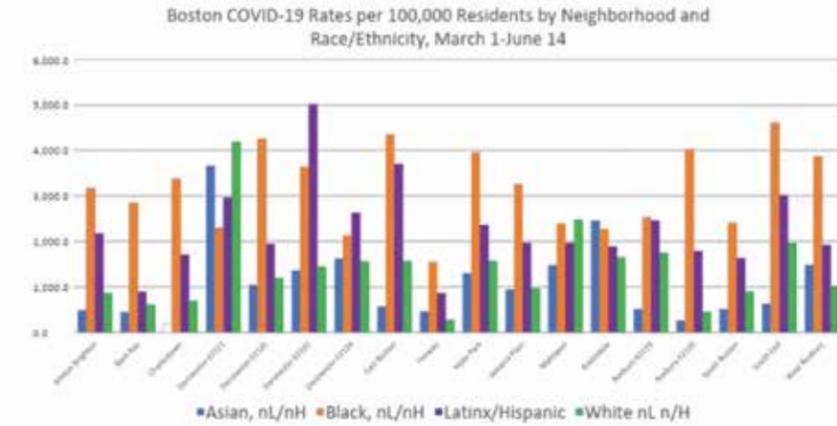
"The information coming from our case investigations indicates a lot of the cases we see that potentially could be spreaders are some small group gatherings of 3 to 4 people," she said. "But then people might have group gatherings every day of the week with others which generate 25 contacts and that's similar to having

one larger party. That repeated social activity can increase the number of positive cases from one positive person."

In workplace settings, she added, the most common way that people are coming into contact with the virus are "break room gatherings."

The city plans to expand testing ability citywide and increase usage; increase outreach to targeted populations and neighborhoods with high infection rates; provide isolation support; support Boston hospitals; expand contact tracing and improving testing turnaround times; assess how public health data are analyzed; and increase enforcement measures.

The city will also publish a bi-weekly report on case investigation information that indicates specific issues and patterns that show where and how people are being exposed to the virus. Officials will work with state partners to monitor lab result turnaround times to ensure that wait times are no longer than 72 hours.



Data Source: Mass. Dept. of Public Health, Division of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences
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MBTA plans online forums that will take up service cuts

MBTA riders will have nearly a dozen opportunities over the next month-plus to voice feedback about impending service cuts, and to complete an online survey that officials will use to help guide the inevitably unpopular decisions.

The cash-strapped T has scheduled 11 virtual meetings in November and early December to solicit commuter input on MBTA train, bus, and ferry services as it weighs tens or hundreds of millions of dollars

in cuts to close a budget deficit fueled by declining ridership.

The federal government has delivered relief funds but a state revenue package for the T has sat idling in the Legislature.

All meetings will be held over Zoom. Two of the events, each at 6 p.m. on Nov. 19 and Dec. 2, are intended to be system-wide discussions covering any MBTA service, while the other nine are aimed at different regions where some

form of T service runs.

Ridership remains at a fraction of pre-Covid levels, prompting MBTA officials to forecast a revenue gap of as much as \$500 million hitting in fiscal year 2022. The agency's Fiscal and Management Control Board is preparing to vote in December on a package of service cuts to help balance the budget, although the exact cuts have not been outlined.

The T also urged commuters to fill out a survey online at

seeking public opinion on how the agency should prioritize services amid the financial strain.

"Given the continuing pandemic and economic dislocation, T ridership on some routes and services may not return to pre-COVID levels for a long time," Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack said in a press release. "MassDOT and the MBTA are actively searching for other ways to replace lost fare rev-

enue, such as using flexible federal dollars to minimize the operating budget impacts.

"But using limited resources to operate underutilized trains, ferries, and buses is not a responsible use of the money provided to the MBTA by riders, communities, and taxpayers."

See mbta.com/forging-ahead for the schedule of forums and the ridership survey

- CHRIS LISINSKI SHNS

UMass Boston to keep most classes remote in spring term

UMass Boston will hold the "vast majority" of coursework online during the spring semes-

ter, officials announced last Friday.

After a planning committee surveyed the

public health outlook, school leaders decided their best option is to keep as much of its opera-

tions remote as possible. Only about two percent of courses, mostly nursing classes and those requiring labs or other hands-on activity, will be hosted on campus.

The school will implement several minor changes, such as opening limited study space for students who could use

a quiet place, expanding student laptop loans and Zoom licenses, and limited resumption of strength and conditioning for some winter sports teams.

"Make no mistake about it, we would much prefer to be together on campus and regret to announce the continuation

of Beacon life in a remote modality," UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suarez-Orozco wrote in a message to the community.

"But we feel this is the most prudent decision to protect the health of our community and our city"

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- November 24, 2020 6:00pm-7:00pm

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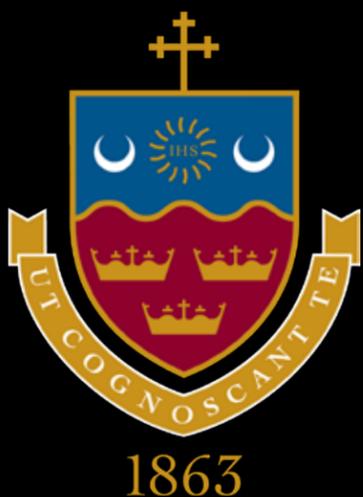
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU20P1455GD IN THE MATTER OF: NATALIE STARLING of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Natalie Starling is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/27/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: October 15, 2020 Published: November 5, 2020

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City's poet laureate begins series online this weekend

Mayor Martin Walsh and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture announced this week that HOME, a new virtual program of poetry spearheaded by City of Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola, will begin this weekend.

The series, presented by the Academy of American Poets and Haley House Bakery Cafe, will consist of monthly poetry readings, open mics, and workshops curated by Olayiwola and hosted by the poet and teaching artist Anthony Febo.

"Porsha has dedicated years to working with Boston youth, and has done an incredible job serving the City of Boston as Poet Laureate the past several years," said Walsh in a press release.

"Her commitment to bringing our communities together is so valuable during this time, and we greatly

appreciate her ongoing efforts to make Boston a place where everyone can express themselves creatively."

HOME will include featured reader and brief open mic every first Friday followed by a writing workshop the following morning, starting Nov. 6. This series was supported by a grant through the Academy of American Poets Fellowship and will culminate in a poetry festival in Roxbury next June.

"The theme, HOME, is born out of our current space, time, crisis, and future-shaping," said Olayiwola. "What does home mean? What isn't home? Who is lacking home? Now that we are all home so much, how do we like our homes? Ourselves? Our families? What is home, in the literal and figurative sense? Is the body a type of home? How so? Is a

poem a type of home? How do we integrate this into content and craft?"

"Porsha has had a huge impact on Boston's arts community, and we were thrilled to see her work recognized by the Academy of American Poets through this fellowship," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "This is an important theme as we think through ways Boston can be more welcoming and reflective of the many communities that make up the city."

The first poetry reading and open mic will be

this Friday (Nov. 6) at 7:30 p.m. and the workshop will be on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

November's facilitator is former Boston Poet Laureate Danielle Legros Georges, and the

theme is "The Language of Home." Interested individuals can register for one or both events at boston.gov/poetry.

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Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will be hosting a series of Virtual Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") and Public Meetings in connection with the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. A Virtual Kick-Off Public Meeting was held on October 19th, which was followed by an Urban Design focused Virtual Public Meeting on October 28th.

The next topic-specific Virtual Public Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 4th: Open Space, Public Realm & Resiliency
- Monday, November 16th: Transportation & Infrastructure
- Wednesday, December 2nd: Topic TBD

mail to: **Aisling Kerr**

Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
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Our Early Education members had an indoor scavenger hunt where each group took turns hunting for treats around their classrooms. Members also made Halloween arts & crafts and even had a glow stick dance party. Our Learning Hub members took part in a contest to see who could make the most creative haunted house with boxes and other crafts. Halloween is always a very special holiday here at BGCD and we did not disappoint. Thank you to our amazing staff who stopped at nothing to make this a special time for members.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Virtual Grand Drawing Tickets & Sponsorships on Sale Now: Get dressed up and enjoy a fun filled night of laughs and excitement and your chance to win one of our amazing Grand Prizes on November 21st! BGCD has taken the best of our in-person event and created a personalized, fun and exciting event that will not disappoint. With every sponsorship and ticket, guests will receive a curated "Party Box" delivered to them. Boxes will also include a gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice to enjoy food at your in-home experience. Guests will also receive and entry into our Grand Drawing to win 1 of our amazing Grand Prizes that include: Private Cooking Class for 15, Cape Cod Escape at Ocean Edge, Martha's Vineyard Vacation, loaded undercounter wine fridge and more! To purchase a ticket or a sponsorship, please visit <https://one.bidpal.net/bgcdgala20/>.

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COOPER, Joey, 63, of Boston. He was the

husband of the late Arlecia Ann (Thomas) Cooper. He is survived by his three sons, Jeremy, Joel, and Joshua, all of Boston, his sister, Florine Cooper also of Boston. Joey also leaves 4 grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, family, and friends. He is preceded by his mother, Everly

(Milton) Cooper, father, Percy Cooper, Sr., brother, Percy Cooper, Jr., and a grandson, Jahmai Cooper. He was a longstanding member of the Carpenter's Local Union 40, in Boston.

HAYE-LEWIS, Andrea of Dorchester, 58. She is survived by her aunt, June Grandson of London; siblings, Dawn Blaize, Joan Da-



vis, and Andrew HAYE; and children, Michelle Lewis, Deanna Lewis, Stephanie Lewis, and Phillip Lewis Jr. She is remembered by her 7 nieces, 7 nephews, and dear friends, Petra Bruno, Paulette Greene, and Novelle Johnson. Daughter to the late Roslyn Smith HAYE and Delroy HAYE in Kingston, Jamaica. She graduated from UMAss Boston in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and from Northeastern University with a Master in Nursing Administration in 2006. She taught clinical at MGH Institute and UMass Boston.

KEOHAN, Archie Daniel Jr. of Sharon, formerly of Braintree and Dorchester, 86. Best friend of Phillip T. Sheridan, Jr. of Sharon. Brother of Barbara Hannigan and her husband, Thomas, of Braintree, the late Joseph P. Keohan, and the late Edward T. Keohan. Memorial donations may be made to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

MICHELI, Rene A. in Dorchester. Son of Lydia (Amadei) Micheli of Dorchester and the late Silvano Micheli. Brother of Carlo L. and his wife Jeanice Micheli of Vermont, and the late Mario S. Micheli.



Nephew of Giancarlo and his wife Alda Micheli of Roslindale, and Anne Marie Amadei of Dorchester.



ROSADO, Kerry Ann, 38, of Mansfield and formerly of Mattapan. Born in Boston and raised in Mattapan, everyone that knew her would say, "she had a vibrant spirit with a zest for life!" Daughter of Margaret M. (Collis) and the late Kevin F. Rosado, Sr. Sister of Kevin F. Rosado Jr. and his wife Christine of Mattapan and Jennifer E. Rosado of Mattapan. Aunt of Christopher Kevin (CK) and Mackenzie Noel (Lulu) Rosado and Aiden Nicolas Rivera. Kerry is also survived by her fiancé Carlos G. Jimenez and their fur baby Ollie (who was her beloved kitty) and his sister Kelly Alicia Jimenez and her aunts, uncles and cousins. Donations may be made in Kerry's memory to the Arthritis Foundation, PO Box

96280, Washington, D. C., 20077 or arthritis.org/donate



SCOVELLE, Leslie (Powell) of Melrose, 79. Wife of 52 years to Stuart B. Scovelle. Mother of Nicole M. McCarthy of Melrose and her fiancé Bill Burns of Dorchester, Julie A. Scovelle of Dorchester, and Danielle Clement and her husband Kenny of Hampton, NH. Sister of Susan Judge and her husband Fred of N. Andover, Wayne Powell and his wife Judy of Texas, and the late Terry Rogers. Grandmother of 4. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Gifts in Leslie's memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, Attn: Community Engagement, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

TURNER, Matthew S. "Matty", 21. Son of Sean M. Turner, and Kerry A. (O'Mara) Turner of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Younger brother of Sean J. Turner of Dorchester. Grandson of Patricia F. Turner and the late Joseph J. Turner, and Deborah A. O'Mara and the late Edward J. O'Mara, all of South Boston. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Donations can be made in Matty's memory to the Make a Wish Foundation, 133 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110.



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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Donere Johnson, 28 Fairmount St., Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 12/31/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 13, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: November 5, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P1910EA ESTATE OF: SARAH A. DOHERTY DATE OF DEATH: 05/23/2020

To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Cailin Gallego of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Christine Bailey of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve without surties on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/27/2020.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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To all interested persons:
A petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Jamie P. Walsh of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jamie P. Walsh of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2020.
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